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THE GENERAL OUTLOOK.

SOME MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS—DEBATE INEVITABLE—FAVORING CONDEMNED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, June 23.—It is not expected that the close of the investigation will be the immediate cause of any important changes in the balloting. While it is true that several members have made the investigation a pretext for delaying to give their vote to Mr. Depew, who, they admit, is the candidate of the majority, it is believed that they will continue in this attitude, at least until the report of the committee comes in. It will take several days to get all the testimony into print, and no one need expect the Conkling members of that committee to make up their minds for this case until they have got all the testimony in print and perused over it for some days at least. It is expected, as a matter of course, that the four Conkling members, Messrs. Carpenter, Draper, Scott and Boardman, the two latter being nominally anti-Conkling men will make some kind of a majority report sustaining the bribery hue and cry so far as possible. Considerable curiosity is experienced among the Administration men to know how the majority will manage this. Bradley's assertion is entirely unsupported by evidence of any kind, and the other stories that have been told before the committee are the merest chaff, including the alleged Marshall bribery, which Mr. Skinner blew all away to-day. Mr. Skinner, the only Depew man on the committee, said to-night that he was ready to report now, and considering the utter failure of the attack upon Mr. Depew it is easy to imagine what his report will be. The Democrats will also probably draw up a separate report, so that a week may elapse before all are ready.

Options differ among the Administration men as to what may follow the presentation of the reports. Some believe that Mr. Depew will immediately gain half a dozen votes among men who have been deterred by the charges of bribery, but will fail when the official announcement of their failure has been made that they cannot fairly hold their votes from him any longer. On the other hand, some believe—and this view has its representatives among Mr. Depew's friends—that there will be no immediate change. These gentlemen are voting for Conkling as they are prepared to vote for him, as he plainly believes, till the crack of doom, or whether they have held their votes together to make terms for their own future place in politics without regard to him. If the latter is true, a solution of the difficulty will be reached when these men reach the conclusion that the time has come for a compromise. If the former is true, the solution cannot be reached at all. The situation cannot be clearly decided until it is known which of these theories respecting the real purposes of the Conkling men is the correct one.

The Administration conference to-night was well attended, but no important action was taken. The burden of the speeches was against pairing, which was disapproved on all sides, and yet it is evident that the usual weekly pairing has begun. Whether or not it reaches the same figure as usual it will certainly result in a diminished attendance on Saturday. There is an unfortunate impotence among some of the Administration men. One of them, a prominent manufacturer from the northern part of the State, who says his interests are suffering by his absence, has been threatening for some days to make a pair until January 1, after the manner of Senators Foster and Astor. Thus far he has been dissuaded by his associates; but he persists, he would find himself in an unpleasantly conspicuous position before the people of the State.

MORE FRUITLESS BALLOTING.

MR. HOSKINS RECEIVES SOME VOTES FROM THE SENATORS.

[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, June 23.—The session of the Joint Committee to-day was notable for an attempt to disturb the serenity of Lieutenant-Governor Hoskins, the presiding officer. Mr. Gorham, of Herkimer County, voted for Mr. Hoskins for Senator, "in place of Roscoe Conkling, resigned," as Mr. Hoskins, with a mournful air, announces every day at the beginning of the balloting. Several Senators also voted for Mr. Hoskins. This started a malicious rumor that the movement for Mr. Hoskins was intended as a temptation to him to vote against any resolution to adjourn the Legislature without electing the Senators.

There was no change in the relative positions of the candidates from that which they held yesterday. This was disappointing to the supporters of Mr. Wheeler, who had hoped to push him above the record of 50 votes, which he unexpectedly obtained yesterday. The vote for Conkling's successor was as follows:

Twenty-fourth Joint Ballot—Short Term.

	Senate.	Assembly.	Total.
Potter	7	46	53
Wheeler	10	40	50
Conkling	6	21	27
Cornell	4	13	17
Depew	1	2	3
Polger	1	1	2
Hoskins	1	1	2
Totals	31	124	155

There were few changes also in voting for Platt's successor. Senator Foster changed from Crowley to Depew, Senator Winslow from Wheeler to Crowley, and Mr. Bennis from Wheeler to Lapham. The total vote was as follows:

Twenty-fourth Joint Ballot—Long Term.

	Senate.	Assembly.	Total.
Depew	14	39	53
Kernan	7	46	53
Platt	1	2	3
Cornell	4	13	17
Crowley	2	6	8
Lapham	1	1	2
Wheeler	1	1	2
Totals	31	124	155

It was believed that the second ballot for Mr. Conkling's successor would reveal some important changes. The belief was not realized. There were only two changes. Senator Foster voted for Mr. Hoskins, and Senator Mills changed from Cornell to Lapham. The total vote was as follows:

Twenty-fifth Joint Ballot—Short Term.

	Senate.	Assembly.	Total.
Potter	7	46	53
Wheeler	10	40	50
Conkling	6	21	27
Cornell	4	13	17
Depew	1	2	3
Polger	1	1	2
Hoskins	1	1	2
Totals	31	124	155

Upon the vote for Mr. Platt's successor, there was a little finality of votes for Mr. Hoskins among the Senators. Mr. Astor, with a laugh, threw overboard Mr. Crowley and voted for Mr. Hoskins. Three honorable votes for Mr. Hoskins. Only one As-

semblyman followed their example. This was Mr. Boardman, who deserted Mr. Cornell. There was only one other change: Mr. Yates voted for Mr. Cornell instead of Mr. Wheeler. The total vote was as follows:

Twenty-fifth Joint Ballot—Long Term.

	Senate.	Assembly.	Total.
Kernan	13	40	53
Depew	7	46	53
Platt	6	21	27
Cornell	4	13	17
Hoskins	1	2	3
Lapham	1	1	2
Tremain	1	1	2
Totals	30	124	154

SCENE AT THE DELAWARE HOUSE.

MR. CONKLING AND SENATOR MADSEN HAVE A WOOLLY ENCOUNTER—MR. MADSEN MAKES STUDIDY REPLIES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, June 23.—The dullness of the Delaware House was stirred a little about 11 o'clock to-night by an amusing encounter between ex-Senator Conkling and Senator Madsen. Mr. Conkling and Mr. Platt were promulgating the first-story hall to where Senator Madsen passed them. As he passed, Mr. Conkling turned as if to speak to him, and Senator Madsen naturally turned also, holding out his hand to Mr. Conkling. To his surprise Mr. Conkling refused to take it, saying, "No, sir, I don't propose to; and if you were not a Senator I might say something to you." Senator Madsen, who is a bluff man, talks as loud as a speaking trumpet, and with rustic plainness, said, "I take that all off; you needn't put on any Senatorial dignity for me; say what you please to me."

Mr. Conkling then said, "Haven't you said publicly that I was here buttonholing members for a reelection?" Mr. Madsen answered with all his accustomed vigor, "Senator Conkling, whatever I said I said as a public man, upon a public matter. I intended to say nothing personally offensive to you; but I said what I meant. You would have said more pointed language, I suppose, if you had had more opportunities than I have; but I cut cross-lanes when I talk. Everybody knows what buttonholing means; I didn't mean that you pulled the buttons off men's coats." "I know what you have done if I had said such a thing of you; you would never have spoken to me again in all your life."

After further talk, the two parted. Mr. Conkling half putting out his hand after Mr. Madsen half taking it. The affair created great amusement. If the Assembly wants to appoint a committee to investigate the buttonholing charge, now that the bribery charge is off, the whole plenty of witnesses can be produced who have seen Mr. Conkling in the act.

THE SEARCH FOR SCANDAL.

INCIDENTS OF THE INQUIRY—MR. TILLINGHAST'S STATEMENT DISAPPOINTS THE SCANDAL-MONGERS—JOHN L. DAVENPORT EXPLAINS THE STRAHLAN STORY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, June 23.—John L. Davenport was able to give his long-delayed testimony before the so-called Investigating Committee to-day. It proved to be an interesting chapter of political history, and entirely disproved the charge incidentally conveyed in Senator Strahan's testimony that the offer of the United States Marshalship for the Southern District of New York had been made to him with a view of influencing his vote and action here at Albany. The committee first examined Tillinghamast, of the Central Railroad, whose \$20,000 check caused such suspicious of bribery to arise in the breasts of Mr. Conkling's corps of "unique and delicate" mud throwers. The testimony taken upon this matter before Mr. Tillinghamast was called showed that Mr. Graves, the banker, asked State Treasurer Wendell, a banker and strong Conkling man, who was passing the door, to get him the thousand-dollar bill he wanted. If there had been bribery about this hint would hardly have been put into the hands of one of Mr. Conkling's devoted friends, and Mr. Tillinghamast would hardly have cashed checks in Albany at all, but rather obtained the money in New York, where he spends much of his time. Mr. Tillinghamast's testimony showed that he simply took the money to Buffalo, as he has often taken large sums, and for convenience in large bills.

Some of the rural members of the committee, who have heard much of John L. Davenport but have never seen him, looked with curious interest at that celebrated little man. He gave his testimony in a high, clear key, and yet spoke so quietly that it was almost impossible for those a few feet away to hear him. His answers on the cross-examination were given with great positiveness, and in this same effortless and almost inaudible tone. He made his statement without notes, submitting the telegrams and other papers in their order, and spoke throughout rapidly and without hesitation. With evident intention Mr. Davenport made his story exceedingly circumstantial, giving every detail of his conversations with Henry E. Knox, Postmaster-General James, the President and Senator Strahan, even telling when the President put his elbow on the mantelpiece. When he described his second interview with the President there was an amusing passage in the testimony. Mr. Davenport said that when he mentioned Mr. Strahan's name the President said, "John H. Strain? Oh, I would appoint him immediately if he would accept." A hum of amusement ran round the room at the idea that the millionaire ex-Congressman should be mentioned in connection with this place. Mr. Davenport said he corrected the President and told him that the man was Robert H. Strahan. "Who is he?" said the President. At this there was a general laugh, in which Mr. Strahan himself, who was sitting back of the committee and facing Mr. Davenport, joined. When Mr. Davenport gave the President the information he lacked respecting Mr. Strahan's existence, the President, without giving any definite answer, bade him good-by. Mr. Davenport found Knox awaiting him at the hotel, and was urged by Knox to ask Strahan if he would allow his name to be used. The telegram to Strahan at Albany and the meeting between Strahan and Davenport at the Union League Club followed.

This account of the interview with the President shows that the so-called offer of the Marshalship, instead of being an offer from the President, was really a question whether Strahan would allow his name to be presented by his friends to the President with a strong probability of success; and also that whereas the public has been asked to believe that the offer was a bribe designed to influence Mr. Strahan's action in the Senate, the fact is that when the name was first proposed the President did not know who he was, and that when the President was informed about him, his relations to Mr. Conkling and his position in the Legislature were not discussed at all.

The testimony also shows that in the discussions at Washington only the names of men identified with the machine in New York City were mentioned at first, carrying out the policy announced by President Garfield of giving both factions in the party representation. In his cross-examination Mr. Davenport stated that special effort was made to find some friends of General Arthur who would take the place. Mr. Davenport's account of the Union League Club interview coincided with every point. Mr. Davenport advised him not to accept the position if it would embarrass him. Thinking that Senator Strahan would probably decline, he went and saw George W. Lyon, and asked him to allow his name to be used, and he consented, but the telegram urging his name arrived in Washington next morning after Mr. Knox had been drafted into service, and his efforts to be released and to have Mr. Lyon's name substituted for his own were unsuccessful.

The cross-examination by Mr. Davenport succeeded in bringing out clearly the facts that the President had not, either at this time or any other, expressed any desire to Mr. Davenport for the de-

feat of Conkling and Platt, or entered into any discussion of measures to bring it about. Every attempt of Mr. Graves to commit Mr. Davenport to an admission that the President had been actually interfering in this contest only emphasized the former's denial that the President had ever to his knowledge taken any steps of the kind. Senator Strahan's testimony, which seemed anxious to go on the stand, Mr. Carpenter, the Conkling manager of the committee, stated that Mr. Strahan desired to be heard when he had not given such information, and was really right in forcing delay that he gave himself the permission of the committee. His statements were not important, and took issue with Mr. Davenport only on a few points.

The committee examined Assemblman Hickman, of Erie, who testified that Bradley told him on the morning of the 8th of June, the day of the alleged bribery, that he had "quit" voting for Conkling and Platt, and should vote for Depew and Rogers. He came the evening of the 8th of June, he tried to show that members were fond of joking with one another about these things, and sought to leave the matter at that. Mr. Bradley, however, who was night and day in the Assembly and the committee the confidence of a man sentenced to death. The list of witnesses was now exhausted on both sides. The so-called investigation of the alleged bribery, the question of political expediency, for the other side made no argument he should feel obliged to decline also. The lawyers on both sides plainly felt it would be a waste of words to talk over a matter on which every member of the committee, and Mr. Graves, who was night and day in the Assembly and the committee the confidence of a man sentenced to death. 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